

**Chambers of District Judge Lawrence L. Piersol**

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**Lawrence L. Piersol**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: South Dakota 1962 BA, 1965 JD  
Began Service: December 11, 1993  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** State Representative (SD), South Dakota House of Representatives (1971-1975); Chairperson, Executive Reorganization Commission, State of South Dakota (1972-1975); Board Member, Department of Environmental Protection (1975-1978)

**Judicial:** Chief Judge, United States District Court for the District of South Dakota

**Legal Practice:** Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz & Smith (1968-1993)

**Military Service:** Captain, United States Army (1965-1968)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Federal Judges Association; State Bar of South Dakota

**Staff**

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**Jeffrey Viken**  
District Judge

Education: South Dakota 1974 BA, 1977 JD  
Began Service: October 2009  
Appointed By: President Barack Obama

**Chambers of District Judge Roberto A. Lange**

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**Roberto A. Lange**  
District Judge

Education: South Dakota 1985 BA; Northwestern 1988 JD  
Began Service: November 6, 2009  
Appointed By: President Barack Obama

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Chambers of District Judge Donald James Porter, United States District Courts

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Davenport Evans Hurwitz & Smith LLP (1989-1992)

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Tom Agnello** ..... (605) 945-4610  
Began Service: November 2009  
Term Expires: August 2011

**Chambers of District Judge Roberto A. Lange continued**

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Term Expires: August 2012  
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**Charles B. Kornmann**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1937  
Education: Col St Thomas 1959;  
Georgetown 1962 LLB  
Began Service: May 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Current Memberships:** American Board of Trial Advocates; Brown County Bar Association (SD); State Bar of South Dakota; South Dakota Bar Foundation, State Bar of South Dakota

**Staff**

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**Chambers of Senior Judge John B. Jones**

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**John B. Jones**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1927  
Education: South Dakota 1951 BS, 1953 LLB  
Began Service: December 5, 1981  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Government:** State Representative (R-SD), South Dakota House of Representatives (1956-1960)

**Judicial:** Judge, Lyman County Court (1953-1956); Judge, South Dakota Circuit Court, 10th Circuit (1967-1974); Judge, South Dakota Circuit Court, Sixth Circuit (1974-1981)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1953-1962); Partner, Jones & McKeever (1962-1966)

**Military Service:** United States Naval Reserve (1945-1947)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; Federal Judges Association; State Bar of South Dakota

**Chambers of Senior Judge Richard Howard Battey**

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**Richard Howard Battey**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929  
Education: South Dakota 1953 JD  
Began Service: 1985  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Regent, South Dakota Board of Regents (1967-1973); Adjunct Professor, The University of South Dakota (1973-1975)

**Government:** City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Redfield, South Dakota (1955-1963); State's Attorney, Office of the State's Attorney, County of Spink, South Dakota (1959-1965); Member, Board of Pardons and Paroles, State of South Dakota (1976-1981); Commissioner, Bar Commissioners, State Bar of South Dakota (1979-1982); State's Attorney, Office of the State's Attorney, County of Spink, South Dakota (1981-1985)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1953-1985)

**Military Service:** National Guard (1948-1960); United States Army (1953-1955)

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Ann Mines** ..... (605) 399-6040  
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**John Simko**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1939  
Education: Augustana (SD) 1961 BA; South Dakota 1968 JD  
Began Service: September 1, 2000

**Legal Practice:** Woods Law Firm

**Military Service:** South Dakota Air National Guard

**Staff**

Attorney **Lori Fossen** ..... (605) 330-6650  
Education: Northern Iowa 1986 BA; Iowa 1992 JD  
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**Mark A. Moreno**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1958  
Education: Illinois 1980 BA; Creighton 1983 JD  
Began Service: February 1, 1993  
Term Expires: January 31, 2013  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Affiliation:** Member, Schmidt, Schroyer, Moreno, Lee & Bachand, P.C.

**Current Memberships:** Nebraska State Bar Association; State Bar of South Dakota

**Staff**

Judicial Assistant **Connie Heckenlaible** ..... (605) 945-4620

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**Veronica L. Duffy**  
Magistrate Judge (Part-Time)

Began Service: June 2007  
Term Expires: June 2011

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Heather Colleen Knox** ..... (605) 399-6032  
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Term Expires: August 2011  
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**Number of Judgeships:** 2

**Number of Vacancies:** 1

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**Charles L. Nail, Jr.**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Education: South Dakota BS; Minnesota 1982 JD  
Began Service: 2006  
Term Expires: 2020

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Kay Cee Hodson** ..... (605) 945-4490  
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